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ST. CLOUD, Minn., July--Donlar Construction Company of St. Paul was the apparent low bidder on a project to remodel and expand the Engineering and Computing Center (ECC) at St. Cloud State University (SCSU). The low bid was \$3,038,000.

Bids were opened at 3 p.m. Thursday (July 18) in St. Paul. Two companies submitted bids.

The bids are being reviewed by the State Department of Administration and contracts should be awarded within two weeks, according to William Radovich, SCSU vice president for academic affairs.

Remodeling of the former Gray Campus Laboratory School will begin in early August. Windows will be added to the gymnasium, which now houses the academic computing center, and wiring will be upgraded.

Construction of the two-story office wing on the north end of the building should begin by Sept. 1 at the latest, Radovich said. Approximately 52 offices, each 10 feet by 12 feet, for faculty and staff will be built. The exterior of the addition will blend in with the yellow brick of the original structure, which was built in 1958.

Other work includes laboratories for engineering classes and engineering faculty offices with individual labs. The Child Care Center, located in the south end of the building, will also be refurbished. Entryways will be expanded and upgraded.

"The building is presently occupied in its past configuration," Radovich said. It was closed as an elementary school in mid-1983 and opened as an academic building for the 1984-85 school year.

Radovich expects work on the gymnasium to be complete in time for the beginning of fall classes on Sept. 5. The new wing should be complete by spring

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Architects on the project are Pauly & Olsen Associates Traynor, Hermanson & Hahn, Ltd., the St. Cloud based architectural and engineering firm that has designed at least five other campus buildings.

The addition to the ECC building is the first on campus since the field house was added to the south end of Halenbeck Hall in 1980.

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